

Great NEWS from  
**His Majesty's Camp,**  
NEAR  
**Lovain in Flanders,**

Being a Full and True Account of the  
Taking a Party of the French King's  
Horse, among whom was the French  
King's General, the

**Duke of Luxemburgh.**

*17. Jun. 1693.*

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*In a Letter from a Gentleman in His Majesty's Camp, to his Friend  
at London.*

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**T**HE *French* Army lyes within a League of  
us: A great many Deserters who come,  
declare that the *French* are in a miserable  
Condition for want of all Necessaries, especially  
Money. The other Day the Duke of *Luxemburg*  
came with some Horse to view our Left Wing;  
Four were taken, and himself, with the rest,  
(being well Hors'd) escaped very narrowly, being  
Chased by our Men within their own Out-Guards.  
A great Number of their Out-Guards are almost  
every Day taken and brought in to us. Praised  
be God we have Plenty of every thing in our  
Camp, at very Reasonable Rates.

The *French* were never so Cruel and Outragi-  
ous as they have been this Year, sparing neither  
Church nor Cloyster, which they never medled  
with in these Parts before. This Cruelty occasi-  
ons an incredible Scarcity in their Camp, because

the *Boors* dare not venture any thing to be Sold among them.

We have very unconstant Weather, either excessive Heat, or excessive Rains, and often both of them in one Day. I never heard so much Thunder in any Seven Years of my Life, as since we came to the Field; seldom one Day passing without some Thunder or Rain.

Upon *Tuesday* the 24<sup>th</sup>. of *May* last, about 10 a Clock at Night, there fell a Thunder-Bolt in the Center of *Coll. Mackay's* Regiment, between Two Tents of the Common Souldiers; the Report of it was a great deal sharper than that of a 24 Pounder, but by far lowder, and more terrifying, being followed by a long terrible Thunder: It disabled Seven Men, Four whereof were in the Lieutenant General's Son's Company, and the other Three in Captain *Mackenzie's*. The Men were sleeping in their Tents when the Thunder-Bolt fell. It set the Straw of one Tent on Fire, but it was quickly put out again. The Skin of that part of their Bodies which lay nearest the Earth was torn off and scorched, as if it had been broiled on a Grid-Iron; yet their Shirts and other Cloaths, that were under and above them, had not received the least token of any harm, or mark of the Fire. One of the Tent-trees, at the Roof was crushed to pieces, and threaded as small as the Hairs of a Brush, yet the Canvas of the Tent had not any harm, nor any mark of Fire.

There was a Sword and Bionet in the same Tent melted in their Scabards, yet the Scabards received no harm, only the shafe upon the end was melted away. These two were lying with some Collars of Bandeliers full of Powder, yet the Powder did not take: There are good hopes of the Mens recovery. There was no other harm done in our Camp by the Thunder, only a Captain's Tent of another Regiment sunk 12 Foot in the Ground, was dug up again without any damage.